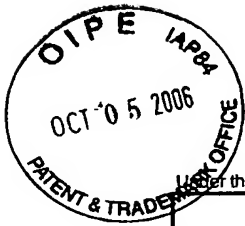


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In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2006 (Paper No.20060626), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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